



March 10, 2015

House Committee on Criminal Justice
The Honorable Kurt Heise
Anderson House Office Building
124 North Capitol Avenue
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chairman Heise and distinguished members of the Committee:

On behalf of the more than 100,000 activists of Americans for Prosperity-Michigan, I am writing in support of HB 4015, sponsored by Rep. Tim Kelly (R-Saginaw Township), which would repeal Michigan's unnecessary and intrusive ban on reselling event tickets at a different price than the printed ticket price. This legislation would let the free-market flourish by allowing people to freely sell their tickets for whatever price they and a willing buyer decide is fair.

Speedy passage of HB 4015 makes common sense. There is simply no reason for government to interfere in a transaction between two willing parties who are exchanging a good for a mutually agreed on price.

In practical terms, current law actually means someone buying or obtaining a ticket at a different price than the face value can be subject to criminal penalties. This is not only a waste of finite law enforcement resources, but inappropriately subjects people engaging in a mutually agreed on transaction to criminal statute.

I urge you to support HB 4015 and repeal Michigan's existing ban on reselling tickets at a price different than face value. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly to discuss this issue or legislation further, (517) 853-9073 or annie@afphq.org.

Sincerely,

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